

Wattletree Garden Tours
Tasmania in Spring
2025



16 days exploring beautiful gardens, Port Arthur, Gordon River Cruise, Bay of Fires, Wineglass Bay cruise, Cradle Mountain and tastes of Tasmania!



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Tasmania Autumn Tour highlight

- Gordon River Cruise
- Cradle Mountain
- Hobart Botanical Gardens
- The Wall
- Wineglass Bay Cruise
- Woolmer's Estate
- Day in the Huon Valley
- Bay of Fires
- Port Arthur Historic Site
- Salamanca Markets
- Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden
- Wychwood Gardens

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Why? He loves it!

Day 1 Wednesday 5th November - Travel to Hobart D

Our tour of Tasmania starts in Hobart where we plan to arrive at around 2.30pm before transferring to our centrally located hotel. Suggested flights to be advised. We will do an orientation tour of Hobart before checking in to our hotel. Dinner will be in the hotel.

Lenna of Hobart Hotel or similar 4 nights

Day 2 Thursday 6th November – Hobart B, MT

Our day of sightseeing in Hobart starts with a visit to Corinda House to see the inside and garden of this historic property. We will have morning tea in the private gardens. We will then visit the spectacular views over the city from Mount Wellington before heading to the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens. These gardens on the Derwent River feature many lovely areas including Peter Cundall's "Pete's patch" vegetable garden. Take time to enjoy the gardens and have lunch (own expense).

Day 3 Friday 7th November Hobart Huon Valley day B

Today we explore the Huon valley starting with a visit to Crawleighwood Garden and Nursery. We will then visit the Wooden Boat Centre & Boat Building School at Franklin. Next to Willie Smiths Huon Valley Apple centre firstly for lunch and a look around the museum which details the rise and fall of the apple industry in Tasmania. This company is also busy value adding to the apple industry to make sure they are viable for many years to come as we will see on our a tour of one of the orchards and packing houses. It is quite an operation.

Day 4 Saturday 8th November – B Hobart free day

Today enjoy a free day exploring Hobart. Saturdays are famous for the Salamanca markets which are right down the road from our hotel. We are happy to help with suggestions and bookings. Options include - Constitution Dock, shop in the local area, Mawson's Replica Hut museum, Cascade brewery tour, Derwent cruise or Mona.

Day 5 Sunday 9th November – Hobart – Strahan B, L, D

This morning we will leave Hobart first stopping at Salmon Ponds which is the oldest hatchery in Australia with a lovely garden. The trees in particular are very interesting and quite old. We will then travel to Derwent bridge to see the for "The Wall in the Wilderness". The Wall is an extraordinary artwork depicting much of the local area history. It is not to be missed. We will have lunch in the nearby pub before continuing west for a short walk to see Nelsons falls—a picturesque spot before a brief photo stop at Queenstown. Dinner will be in the hotel tonight.

Strahan Village Hotel – hilltop rooms or similar 2 nights

Day 6 Monday 10th November – Strahan B, L

This morning we will wander down to the local pier for a Gordon River Cruise to journey on the incomparable Gordon River. Explore Tasmania's wilderness firstly crossing Macquarie Harbour, past Sarah Island to Heritage landing. Views and scenery are stunning with wild stands of Huon pine and Sassafras sheltering many varieties of ferns and wildlife. A buffet lunch is included. Arrive back in Strahan mid afternoon. We suggest that you see the longest running play in the southern hemisphere "The Ship that Never Was" this evening. It is great fun!

Day 7 Tuesday 11th November Strahan to Cradle Mountain Burnie – B, L

Today we will have a slightly later start before heading to Queenstown to undertake a train journey on famous Wilderness Railway into a few of the old stops. We will then return to Queenstown for some free time to have lunch. We will then continue to Cradle Mountain and check into our resort accommodation. We recommend undertaking a few of the short beautiful walk around the resort.

Peppers Cradle Mountain Lodge or similar for 2 nights.



Day 8 Wednesday 12th November - Cradle Mountain Day B

This morning we head to the Visitor Centre and then we will use the Parks shuttle bus service to move around to the different areas. You may elect to circumnavigate beautiful Dove Lake or undertake one of the many shorter walks in what is a beautiful part of the world. The full day is devoted to the national park.

Day 9 Thursday 13th November – Cradle Mountain to Burnie B, L, D

This morning we will depart Cradle Mountain to drive to Nieta to visit a magnificent garden, Kaydale Lodge. This is a very special garden created by 2 quite inspirational sisters and their family. It has been featured on Gardening Australia a number of times for good reason. We will have a light lunch in the tea rooms. Next stop is the world class Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden which has literally thousands of Rhododendrons from all over the world that should be in flower when we visit. We will have a guided visit. We then take the short drive to our beachfront accommodation in Burnie with dinner included the restaurant.

Beachfront Voyager Motor Inn or similar 2 nights

Day 10 Friday 14th November – Burnie to Stanley return B,

Today we take the scenic drive along the coast to Stanley via Table Cape. Upon arrival we will visit the interesting historical house—Highfields. It is full of interesting displays from the very early days of European settlement in the area. We will have some free time in Stanley for lunch and to take the chairlift to the top of the “Nut” (own expense and weather dependent). The nut is an odd looking hill formed from an ancient volcanic plug and rises out to the mostly flat surrounding country. As it is right on the edge of the ocean the views over Bass Strait are beautiful. We will then head back to Burnie with a stop or two along the way.

Day 11 Saturday 15th November Burnie to Launceston area, B, L

Today we will travel to Sheffield which is famous as the “town of murals”. We will have some time around town to admire the murals and shops. Next is a visit to a personal favourite garden, Wychwood Garden and Nursery. We will have a guided walk with the owners. We will have a lunch in a local café called the Wandering Trout. After lunch we will travel to Launceston and visit Cataract Gorge before checking into our hotel.

Best Western Plus Hotel or similar 2 nights

Day 12 Sunday 16th November – Launceston B , Mt, D

We start our day later this morning before a visit to the Gourmet Sauce and Topiary Garden. An extensive and interesting topiary garden and nursery awaits as well as a Devonshire Tea. You may also taste their locally produced jams, chutneys and sauces. Next stop is the historic Woolmer’s Estate, one of the earliest pioneering families in Tasmania. We will have time to explore both the extensive gardens around the buildings and the famous Rose gardens. This is a self guided tour today at Woolmer’s. Later head back to Launceston with some free time to explore the excellent park near our hotel and the monkeys.....

Dinner is in the hotel tonight.

Day 13 Monday 17th November – Port Arthur Day B,

Today we will journey to the north east of Tasmania with a visit to Arnolds Country Garden, a good looking cottage garden. Next we will make a stop Legerwood to see the avenue of carved trees dedicated to the people who served in the wars. A lunch stop in Branhholm will follow before we arrive to visit the Bay of Fires. We will explore the coast to see the brightly colored rocks before checking in to St Helens for our overnight stay right on the water. We hope to have a little free time this afternoon to walk and look around the area.

St Helens Panorama Hotel or similar 1 night

Day 14 Tuesday 18th November – Eagle Hawk—Port Arthur B , L

Early morning start to take the scenic road to Wineglass Bay to witness the wild beauty of the Freycinet National Park. We have booked on the fabulous Wineglass Bay cruise (10am – 2.30pm) that includes lunch. We will have a drive to see a little of the Freycinet National Park before continuing south to Eagle Hawk for our 2 night stay.

Lufra Hotel and Apartments or similar 2 nights

Day 15 Wednesday 19th November – Port Arthur Day B , D

After breakfast we will take the interesting drive to the 40-hectare Port Arthur Historic Site for a guided walking tour and time to explore Tasmania’s penal past. Visit the information centre and Interpretation Gallery or one of the onsite cafes. Later we will meet for an included Harbour cruise for a different perspective of the site. After visiting the Convict settlement we will view the geological sites of the Tasman Arch and Devils Kitchen. We will have a farewell dinner in the hotel tonight.

Day 16 Thursday 20th November – Eagle Hawk to Hobart airport Day B

On our way back to Hobart Airport look out for the scenic Frederick Henry Bay and Norfolk Bay. We will have a stop at the historic village of Richmond assuming flight time allow.

Pricing details

Land only price (fully inclusive see below for details)	\$6995
Airfare—to be booked as requested or book your own if you prefer.	To be advised
Deposit pp (deductible from tour prices above)	\$500
Single supplement - if you wish to twin share please let us know and we will put you in contact with others who are keen to share.	\$1750

Probable Flight times - contact us if you would like us to book flights for you...

- Arrive Hobart 2.30pm and depart Hobart around 1pm
- Please confirm times with Wattletree before booking any flights as flight times are not yet booked.

Important dates

1. Deposit – Payable asap to secure a place as seats are limited, please complete booking form.
2. Final payment 60 days before departure

The tour prices includes:

- Beautiful hotel accommodation
- Internal exclusive coach travel
- Entry to all sightseeing, national parks and gardens as detailed in itinerary
- Gordon River Cruise
- Wineglass Bay Cruise
- Quality meals listed in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner) and morning teas
- garden guide – Brian Sams
- Taxes where appropriate (but subject to change based on prevailing rates)
- Airport transfers (for whole group only—other arrangements to be made as required)

The tour price excludes:

- All items not stated as included
- flights
- Travel insurance—recommended for all travelers at time of booking.

Full terms and conditions are on the booking form.



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